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across Africa, has returned to London. Captain Claud Alexander died at Naifoni in November, 1904, and Captain Gosling in the Ubangi-Welle region of June, 1906. Much valuable work has been accomplished. A careful triangulation has been carried out from Ibi, in Nigeria, to Lake Chad, and the lake itself traversed in various directions. Part of the course of the Shari was explored; from thence the Ubangi was reached, and the expedition made its way northward to the little-known region where many of the Bahr-el-Ghazal tributaries rise, and down the Yei to the Nile. The expedition has been particularly successful in collecting specimens in natural history, including skulls, bones and skins of the okapi.

THE visiting committee of the division of geology of Harvard University has provided the geological department with the funds necessary to erect a seismograph in the University Museum. A Bash-Omori seismograph with two 100-kilogram conical pendulums, one swung in the meridian and the other east and west, will shortly be placed on a suitable foundation in the basement of the geological section. This type of instrument records earth vibrations on smoked paper carried on revolving drums operated by clock-work. One of the same general type, which has been set up in the State Museum at Albany, N. Y., for more than a year, on a clay foundation like that underlying the Harvard Station, gave complete records of the San Francisco, Valparaiso and the great Indian earthquakes. The Harvard Station will pay particular attention to New England earthquakes and to the geological examination of the recent fault-lines along which it is suspected many historically recorded small shocks have arisen.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

At a meeting of the General Education Board, held in New York City on March 26, the sum of \$625,000 was conditionally appropriated as follows:

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., \$50,000 toward \$250,000.

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Col., \$50,000 toward \$500,000.

Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., \$25,000 toward \$100,000.

Yale University, New Haven, Conn., \$300,000 toward \$2,000,000.

Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., \$200,000 toward \$2,000,000.

It is reported that the suggestion to send 500 or 1,000 American teachers next year to study the educational system of Great Britain has met with such a response that it is practically certain now the pilgrimage will be made. It is understood that Mr. Alfred Moseley will make the same arrangements for the trip to England and return as he did for the British teachers—a rate of \$25 for the round trip. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and City Superintendent Maxwell, of the New York city schools, are the American committee.

BARNETT SMITH, PH.D. (Pennsylvania), has been appointed assistant professor in the geological department of Syracuse University.

MISS IDA WHITESIDE, B.A. (Vassar, 1904), has been appointed assistant in astronomy in Wellesley College.

IN the faculty of medicine of McGill University, Drs. F. G. Finley, H. A. Lafleur, and C. F. Martin have been made professors of medicine and clinical medicine. These promotions follow the death of Dr. James Stewart, who was for many years head of the department.

LORD CURZON was elected chancellor of Oxford University on March 14. The votes were: Lord Curzon, 1,101; Lord Rosebery, 440.

THE council of the University of Liverpool has elected Mr. John Edmond Salvin-Moore to the chair of experimental and pathological cytology, recently established by the Liverpool Cancer Research Committee.

MR. C. G. HEWITT, has been appointed to the newly-established lectureship of economic zoology in the University of Manchester, and Mr. H. Heap has been appointed assistant lecturer in sanitary chemistry.

THE King of Spain has created a chair of automobilism at the School of Arts and Sciences at Madrid.